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Trip to North - 2014

A group of 29 Cadets of 2nd year, headed by Maj Rehan Riaz, Adjutant along with Mr Altaf and Military Staff visited the Northern areas of Pakistan i.e Kewai, Shougran, Kaghan and Naran Valley, from 8 to 13 June 14. They started their sojourn at 0900 hrs on 8 June 14 and through Abbottabad they reached Kewai. The refreshment meal at Kewai Waterfall Restaurant is the specialty of Kewai, where our cadets enjoyed snacks and drinks. Kewai is the central hub of Kaghan valley from where a separate road leads to Shougran, Siri and Paye. From 8 to 10 June 14, cadets relished camping at the beautiful valley of Shougran.

Next Morning, group moved to Siri/Paye. On their way, they enjoyed dual fun of Hiking and jeep ride. The road to Shougran/Siri/Paye is very thrilling because of its steep height and bumpy



ride. While going up, the front wheels of the jeep get 2-4 feet higher than back wheels. But the forest on the way is a real beauty which is absolutely superlative and matchless. The view at Paye, with blend of snow covered marvelous mountains of Karakoram range and lush green Shougran valley was just breath taking.

Later, on 10 June cadets moved to Kaghan/Naran valley. The

valley is adorned with high peak mountains and lush green meadows, plateau and thick pine forests. After camping at Shougran cadets were electrified enough to be snuggled as a bug in a rug at Naran District Counsel Guesthouse.

During next two days, cadets visited Lake Saif ul Maluk and surrounding areas. At an altitude of 3,224 m (10,578 feet) above sea level, it is amongst one of the highest lakes in Pakistan.

After so much of fun, contingent moved back to college on 13 June 14.

Foreign Study Tour of Sri Lanka

A contingent of 14 cadets of new 2nd Year, headed by Mr. Kaleem Mustafa DVP(A), visited Sri Lanka from June 12 to June 22, 2014. The purpose of the visit was to broaden the view, study the culture, sight-seeing and observing the diversity among nations in a

broader perspective.

Cadets enjoyed the tour, stay, travelling almost half of Sri Lanka and all the different activities at various locations. The Group visited a Tea factory, Wood Carving Factory, Spice Gardens and Gemstone

Mines. They also visited lots of historical sites from Sigirra Heights to Adams Peak etc.

Cadets enjoyed River Rafting, Boat Safari in Madhu River, Train Travels, National Parks Safaris, camping and tracking in different areas.

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First Meeting of Endowment Fund Trustees

14th of June, 2014. "First meeting of Board of Trustees of CCH Endowment Fund" headed by Chairman POF was held at the campus. Chairman POF Wah Cantt, Rector NUST, President FPCCI, Mr. Sohail Naqvi VC LUMS, Dr Faisal Sultan CEO Shaukat Khanum and Mr. Amjad Ali Khan (Partner Afridi Angel & Khan, UAE) attended the meeting as Board of Trustees. Important decisions were taken regarding CCH Endowment fund and strategies were defined how to raise

funds for CCH.

CCH Endowment Trust is one first of its kind in the history of the College. It is expected to go a long way to improve the outlook and infrastructure. Our alumni are pouring in their contributions quite enthusiastically. Its main feature is that the fund cannot be operated without the signatures of two trustees."

The trustees took a tour of the College and admired the recent renovation work as well as new additions to it.



Abdalians' Initiative for IDPs

Quite recently, the 58th and 59th Entry Abdalians took the initiative at the time when millions of our brethren stand homeless.

They established Relief Camps in Lahore and Rawalpindi and could collect an enviable amount of cash and reasonable quantity of Kind.

The relief goods were immedi-

ately handed over to Army Relief Camps while a cheque of Rs 320,000/- was presented to Gen Khalid Rabbani, Corps

Commander, II Corps, Peshawar.



Omer Wing, Champion of Inter-Wing Swimming Competition 2014

Omer Wing picks the Champions Trophy of Inter-Wing Swimming Competition 2014 held from 9th to 11th Sep, 2014. Wing Positions were as follows:

1st Omer Wing, 2nd Liaquat, 3rd Aurangzeb, 4th Iqbal and 5th Jinnah Wing; whereas Haider Wing got the 6th position.

Cadet Moez Abbas (2nd Yr, O/W) was declared as the Best Swim-

mer among Seniors while Cadets Hamza Aamir (10th, L/W) and Aizaz Hashmi (10th, I/W) jointly clinched Best Swimmer award among Juniors. Cadets Hamadan Ghani (2nd Yr, L/W) and Zarrar Ahmad (10th, O/W) found their place at the 2nd Best spot (among Seniors and Juniors respectively).

Vice Principal Cadet College Hasanabdal, Mr Nasim Aadil distributed the Trophies and Certificates

among the winners at the end



Abdalians at Top in CSS



Waqar Ali Khan
(47th Entry, Haider Wing)

Ex-Cadet Waqar Ali Khan (47th Entry, Haider Wing) brings honour to the Alma Mater by clinching the Top Position in the whole country in CSS Examinations 2014.

Muhammad Mughees Sannaullah (50th Entry, Iqbal Wing) adds further honour to the College by securing overall 4th position in the whole country in CSS Examinations 2014.



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HM Houses renovation

The residences of all six house masters were in dire need of renovation since long time but the project could not be undertaken due to lack of funds.

However, this summer, by the support of various old Abdalians, the renovation work started and is underway. We profoundly thank all those who provided

support in every capacity they could.



Khatm e Quraan at CCH Mosque



A simple but graceful ceremony was held at the College Mosque at the occasion of "Khatm e Quraan" on the night of 25th July 2014 (night of 27th Ramadan). The ceremony was attended by a reasonable number of the College Employees and their children who didn't proceed for the Summer Vacation.

Mr Amir Rauf hosted the ceremony after Travih Prayers. It

began with the recitation of some verses of the Holy Quran by Mr M. Rizwan Maqbool Housemaster Liaqat Wing and Hafiz Muhammad Ehtisham (son of College Khateeb Hafiz Muhammad Iqbal).

Afterwards, some beautiful Naats were recited by Mr Mueen Akhter Tahir of English Dept., Mr Amir Rauf, Master M. Saad (son of Mr Ahmed Nadeem) and Master Abdul

Muhaiman (son of Mr Amir Rauf).

It was followed by a religious lecture according to the occasion, delivered by Mr Qazi Rashid ul Hussaini, HOD Islamiyat. The College Khateeb Hafiz M. Iqbal recited Dua at the end.

Principal CCH, Maj Gen (R) Najeeb Tariq HI(M) distributed some prizes among the College Khateeb Hafiz M. Iqbal and Khadim e Masjid Hafiz Ghulam Dastgir for the successful completion of the Holy Quraan during Travih Prayers.



SRILANKA



NORTH PAKISTAN

VISITS TO



PNS MEHRAN



Gifts to CCH

- ◆ Chairman Joint Chief of Staff Committee donated Rs. 2.9 million for 10 full merit scholarships known as Jinnah Scholarship.
- ◆ Mr. Musadaq Zulqarnain 17th entry, donated Rs. 2.5 million for complete furniture of Liaqat wing.
- ◆ Mr. Naveed Fazil 25th entry, donated Rs. 2.5 million to renovate HM residence Iqbal wing.
- ◆ Fauji Fertilizer Company (FFC) donated Rs. 3 million for the Ambulance.
- ◆ Dr. Aamir Aziz 15th entry, donated Rs. 2,50,000 to purchase Hospital Beds.
- ◆ Mr. Amjad Ali Khan donated Rs. 2.5 million to recruit two dedicated employees to raise funds for the CCH Endowment Fund.

Visiting CCH

Mr. Imran ul Haq Khan, 14th entry, visited the College on 4th September, 2014. The purpose of his visit was to see the condition of faculty houses. He is spearheading a fundraising campaign in North America to renovate these houses.



Transforming CCH

This summer, renovation work started again from the point where it stopped last year. This year the undertaken projects were:

- ◆ Renovation of Housemaster's residences
- ◆ Renovation of the Hospital
- ◆ Renovation of Jinnah wing
- ◆ Renovation of Academic block
- ◆ Renovation of Mess kitchen
- ◆ Renovation of the Science labs

The projects were supervised by the Abdalians who are experts in their trade. **Brig(rtd) Kaleeq ur Rashid Kiyani**, owner of MS ACES and **Gen. Najeebullah Khan, QMG** took care of the work and made sure that highest quality work is delivered.

AYUB BLOCK LOBBY



CHEMISTRY LABORATORY



NEW FURNITURE FOR CLASSROOMS

CADETS MESS



THE NAEEM HALL

NEW FURNITURE FOR DORMS



Under Construction



4 NEW FLATS

MESS KITCHEN



HOSPITAL



Re-Unions

Gaylord National Harbor

Abdalians in North-America had a re-union on August 16th, 2014 at Gaylord National Harbor. Around sixty Abdalians attended the reunion. Attendees were from 5th Entry Shaukat Ashai to 58th Junaid Riaz, still a cadet at CCH.



Re-Unions

Rawalpindi Golf Club

Abdalians in Rawalpindi/Islamabad had a re-union on July 26th, 2014 at Rawalpindi Golf Club. Around 35 Abdalians attended the reunion.



Re-Unions

California

On March 29th, 2014 Abdalians met at the Chakra Restaurant 151 S Doheney Drive, Beverly Hills California for lunch. It was hosted by Imran Ali H/20th. Twenty Abdalians showed up, ranging from a five member representation of the 15th entry and a Fulbright scholar from the 48th Entry. Maqbool Asrhad 15/A explained the aims and objectives of the Abdalian Association of North America. It was followed by a lively round of introductions, where ex-cadets introduced themselves and shared their memories. It included some who had traveled to LA from NY, Chicago, Florida, Wisconsin, DC, New Mexico and Vancouver but mostly were from the LA and Southern California area.

Attendees: In no particular order, Abid Hussain H/21, Aftab Khan L/23, Zahid Mahmood I/15, Athar Siddiqui A/15, Maqbool Arshad A/15, Salman Lodhi J/15, Wajahat Ali Shah O/15, Ehtesham Ansari J/27, Naveed Ali O/27, Ahmad Raza Chaudhari J/29, Numair Tariq Latif I/19, Jalal Awan L/48, Mahmood Bashir L/19, Nadeem Tariq L/25, Tahir Andrabi L/21, Mohammad Jahanzeb J/21, Usman Rashid J/23, Mohammad Shafiq L/20, Imran Ali H/20 and Nasir Gondal J/20



DOWN THE MEMORY LANE

Muhammad Nasim Adil-Vice Principal

Three decades back, Hassan Abdal experienced a very rare event. It was February the 20th and the year was 1984. At about 10 o'clock I was taking 3rd period, teaching a poem to my class. The weather was extremely cold that day and every one was shivering deep into his bones. Suddenly I noticed that boys had become inattentive and most of them were looking outside the window. I followed their gaze. It was a wonderful scene and almost unbelievable. Soft white snow flakes were descending from the heavens and breaking into a white sheet on the grassy lawns and elsewhere. The College bell rang at an unaccustomed time and it was heard that classes were called off. In no time everybody was out and about. The teachers, adjutant and cadets, all started enjoying themselves. As the snow started thickening and the

ground, trees, buildings and everything got clad in white, snow balls were thrown at each other and there was fun all around. The cadets made snowmen here and there. One was erected between Omar wing and the mess. I chose to pose beside it with one of my colleagues. It was a rare event indeed for nature has not become so kind again in the last 30 years.



By Old Boys

Beyond Borders

As I sit back and recollect memories from college, I can't help but marvel at the fact that even after all those years, every face from my entry is a portrait etched on my mind. Some fuzzy, some crisp... but portraits nevertheless. 8 years since I graduated but the associations you make in Hasanabdal are surely not bound by space or time constraints. An accidental tap on the Skype app and you end up having a 2 hour long conversation with someone you can be absolutely yourself with: a certain Mullah, Kheera etc that you can catch up with about all the 'important stuff' of the past couple of years in two hours.

My life journey after college has been a roller coaster ride, taking me to places I'd never have imagined: Lahore to Dakhari, Sind to most recently California

on the Fulbright Exchange Program. It is fascinating to have found CCH alumni on almost every step of this ongoing journey. A few minutes into a conversation with an alum, and entry numbers appear as they are: numbers. We bond on a personal level and ice-breakers are rarely, if ever, part of a conversation. I attended the West Coast get together earlier this year in spring which was a rare opportunity to meet some of the finest people working in the States. There we were, all ages and backgrounds, bonded by the Abdalian bond. That was Beverley Hills, LA.

Summer brought me to the East Coast. Busy subways, streets brimming with people. Sharp contrast. Not surprisingly, one of my supervisors at my new workplace happened to be an Abdalian too,

32 L/W. Another instant connection. I also came to know about an East Coast get together, thanks to Abdalians Association of North America, in DC and am looking forward to attending. The bonds surely go beyond borders.

Jalal Awan

48 L/W

Brain Drain

The students of Pakistan are known for their extra ordinary achievements in the field of academics. Doctors, engineers and IT professionals of exceptional quality have been produced in Pakistan. The students perform very well in their practical lives. But the question is why we don't see them working in our hospitals, industries and business organizations? Where do these extra ordinary brains vanish?

The answer is that our country is suffering from the phenomenon of brain drain. This is because our best student lot is captured by the western countries like UK and USA. The need of the hour is that we should try to stop this costly brain drain or at least take measures to minimize the loss.

But before we come up with some suggestions to stop this brain drain, we need to look at some of the reasons behind this phenomenon.

Firstly, the level of higher education in our country is not up to the international standards. Therefore, students go abroad for higher studies and eventually end up being absorbed into the lucrative foreign market.

Secondly, students who do come back and want to work do not get the kind of remuneration which they think can be easily earned abroad. This discourages them and they leave their country.

Thirdly, there is lack of motivation among the students to work in their homeland on lesser salaries. The reason is the lack of patriotic feelings and tilt towards material gains.

Fourthly, the qualification which the students earn from abroad have little application in their home country as they are designed to fulfill the requirements of the country from where they have studied.

Lastly, the higher living standards and freeway living style attracts the students as they want to enjoy their life to the fullest.

Now let us look at some facts and figures in support of this phenomenon of brain drain being suffered by our nation.

According to a report in the *The Observer*, London, "Pakistan is facing a massive brain drain as record numbers of people are desperate to leave their politically unstable, economically chaotic country swamp foreign embassies with visa applications-The biggest numbers of applications for British visas are from Pakistan. Doctors, lawyers and IT professional and leading the exodus, but laborers and farmhands are joining the queues of malnourished people who gather daily outside the US embassy in Islamabad".

Zaffar Abbas from Islamabad writes that "Gallup-Pakistan says the survey indicates that many Pakistanis are gradually losing faith in the country's economic future".

"The latest survey has strengthened the widely-held view that there has been a continuous brain drain from the country in the past decade".

"The poll indicates that not only qualified professionals and university graduates, but even semi-skilled or unskilled workers want to leave Pakistan in search of better prospects".

"About 62% of the adults interviewed for the survey said they would like to work abroad. And as many as 38% said they would prefer to permanently settle outside the country".

"The report says that a similar survey carried out by the same organization in 1984 had showed only 17% in favour of settling outside the country".

"Analyzing the survey statistics, Gallup-Pakistan says the marked change is mainly the result of local economic conditions".

YesPakistan.com Staff Writer writes that "according to official estimates of Pakistan's Overseas Employment Corporation, close to 36,000 professionals, including doctors, engineers and teachers, have migrated to other countries in the last 30 years. Interestingly, this number is indicative of only a small proportion of actual migration, since the majority of emigrants do not register".

"Once migrants reach here, they tend to do much better on average financially than even locals. For example, the median income in the late 1970s of Pakistanis was \$20,000, which is well above the US national average of \$17,000".

After considering these reasons and facts and figures, we can think of some suggestions in order to mend this great loss.

Firstly, we as a nation need to inculcate patriotic feelings in our new generation to an extent that they should love their homeland more than the attractive life of any developed country.

Secondly, the standard of education should be improved with intent to promote research. The courses and the syllabi should be according to the local and national requirements of the country. External degree programmes of foreign universities can be introduced to give foreign qualification.

Thirdly, the number of quality degree awarding institutions should be increased in a way that each year a few new universities are established to give greater opportunities for studying.

Fourthly, the students with a caliber to become a national asset should be retained in their homeland even at a higher cost. The government should not lose them to foreign lands.

Lastly, the societal attitude needs to change regarding the way it looks and gets impressed from the material gains of western countries. The society needs to understand and communicate that there are a lot more important things in life than just the material comforts.

Hence it can be concluded that we need to build our nation by building a strong national character. We can grow and progress when our people start pooling the best of their energies in developing their own homeland. The problem of brain drain can be tackled by giving recognition to our bright students and having love for one's homeland.

Ahmad Abrar Maula Quraishi
36th Entry

From the OLD MAG "ABDALIAN" 1967

Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow

MONDAY:—The very word strikes the cadets like a thunderbolt. It means waking up from a sweet dream, sweet and ethereal, awaiting a future, dull and prosaic. The idea of books, periods, and preps is irritating and painful. It will not be wrong if I say that Monday is a black day. It is black because one is idling, perhaps unconsciously absorbing notions of living like lilies; because so many days must pass before the weekends; because yesterday is no more.

TUESDAY:—Is flat through and through. It has the sheer essential flatness of a non-entity. The pleasures of Sunday are gone, the Monday melancholy is over. The wheel of time acquires a uniform speed, and the cadets are reconciled with the machine. Yet since nothing so becomes a flat day as the death of it, Tuesday evening (the boring time) is not the dreary day nearly done for the two preps are still left.

WEDNESDAY:—With Wednesday the week stirs itself, turns over, begins to wake. Life comes into full action. The voice of the Housemaster is heard saying, "Boys, Principal's inspection. If I find any-one checked by the Principal he will be punished." At this every boy becomes active and begins to tidy up his bed, chair and table. This is the busiest day at the college.

THURSDAY:—On Thursday the week falls back a little, the stirring of Wednesday is forgotten. The teachers try to relax a bit, particularly in English and Maths periods, Cadets manage to doze for a while. Let me point out that by the best of the teachers humo-

rous and entertaining remarks are passed on this day. It is perhaps because Thursday is associated with delicious dishes at the Mess.

FRIDAY:—Three cheers to Friday, because Friday is a day full of pleasure and merriment. The periods are very short. It is the beginning of the end, the fore-runner of Saturday and Sunday. Friday's greatest merit is perhaps that it paves the way for Saturday.

SATURDAY:—It obviously is the favourite day with the Cadets. For the first time in the week the faces of the cadets appear bright, their eyes are smiling and their hearts are laughing, for they always look forward to proceed on week-end leave or to see a film which is to be shown in the evening. "No Preps", everybody is heard saying. As soon as the mess gong is rung for dinner the cadets, instead of going for the meals, are seen running towards the Open Air Theatre.

SUNDAY:—Here is Sunday! But here the analyst falters, for Sunday eludes definition. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, Friday and Saturday—these are the days with fixed characters. But Sunday is what we individually make of it. The time is at your command, pass it either in sleeping or day-dreaming in the canteen, in a garden, or roaming with some friends. Had there been no Sundays, life would have been mechanical, unreal, morose, sullen, lifeless and colourless.

HUMAYUN BASHIR
X-B



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You can send your generous donation to this account if it is not intended to sponsor a specific project. It will increase the value of the fund and hence will be beneficial in the long run.

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Cadet College Hasan Abdal, being the first institution of its kind in Pakistan, has been a trend-setter in the field of quality boarding schools meant for boys. In its history of over sixty years, its graduates have not only contributed tremendously in the national mainstream, many have moved across frontiers, and are now playing their roles at the global level. Above all, being a trailblazer, the institution has helped set the blueprints of milliard of institutions, which have followed in its wake.

AN ACADEMIC TREND SETTER